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Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Scarlet fever and measles—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, April 17, as follows:

During the week ended April 15, 1905, bills of health were granted to 6 vessels bound for United States ports in good sanitary condition.

The contagious diseases officially reported in the city during the week have been 1 case of scarlet fever and 27 cases of measles, with no deaths. This shows an increase of 7 cases of the latter disease over the preceding week.

Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas for the period from April 1 to 10, 1905.

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Meningitis	1	61
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	2	27
Athrepsia	2	105
Disease of the heart (unqualified)	2	79
Broncho-pneumonia	3	92
Bright's disease	1	120
Arterio-sclerosis	1	81
Enteritis, infantile	2	105a
Enteritis, tubercular	1	29
Occlusion, intestinal	1	108
Osteo-sarcoma	1	45
Total	17	

Annual rate of mortality per mille, 12.92; estimated population, 48,000.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Report from Nuevitas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McConnell reports, April 17, as follows:

During the week ended April 15, 1905, bills of health were issued to the Cuban steamer *Julio*, bound for Porto Rico (via Santiago) and Santo Domingo, 60 crew and 39 passengers inspected; and to the Spanish steamer *Ernesto*, bound for Pensacola, crew 32 inspected.

No quarantinable disease has been reported in this district.

Report from Santiago—Transactions of service, March, 1905.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, April 15, as follows:

Month of March, 1905.

Bills of health issued	24
Outgoing vessels inspected (included in the above)	15
Crews	1, 109
Passengers	495
Deaths from yellow fever	0
Deaths from other contagious diseases	0
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted)	73
Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city (suspicious of leprosy)	1
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city (diphtheria)	1
Vaccination certificates issued for Canal Zone and Panama	0

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

Consul-General Mason reports, April 4, as follows:

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended March 18 was not much lower than that of the preceding week, amounting, calculated on the

year, to 16.1 per thousand of the population, thus being higher than the rate for the same week of last year, in which it amounted only to 14.2 per thousand. Of the large German towns and cities, two-thirds showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin. The following places had a considerably higher rate of mortality than Berlin, namely: Hamburg, Bremen, Magdeburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Nuremberg, Munich, Stuttgart, Aix la Chapelle, Breslau, Königsberg, and Rixdorf (with 20.7), as well as Paris and Vienna. The following cities, on the other hand, had a lower death rate than Berlin, viz: Halle, Hanover, Brunswick, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Cassel, Charlottenburg (with 13 per thousand), Schöneberg (with 9.1), also London. The infant mortality rate, amounting to 3.7 per year and thousand, was lower than the Hamburg, Munich, and Leipzig rate. There were registered: 128 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 103 deaths from acute diseases of the respiratory organs (including 8 from influenza), 40 deaths from cancer, 7 deaths from diphtheria, 6 deaths from measles, and 5 deaths from scarlet fever. Finally, 12 persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended April 8, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 4	Olympia.....	41	20	0	0
6	Belize.....	17	5	0	0

The steamship *Olympia* cleared from Puerto Barrios.

HONDURAS.

Reports from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended April 8, 1905. Present officially estimated population about 4,000; 1 death. Prevailing diseases, malarial, mostly mild form; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Number of aliens sailing from this port during week, 2.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 1	Jos. Vaccaro.....	28	3	0	0
5	Bratten.....	16	0	0	0
7	Columbia.....	17	0	0	0
8	Gyller.....	15	0	0	0